



Ventura State Route 118 Wildlife Corridor Multi-Agency Working Group Mission Statement

I. Description

A multi-agency working group dedicated to evaluating state transportation projects and large scale ecological needs keeping in mind transportation infrastructure and environmental protection. The group works collectively to identify and to discuss opportunities to design transportation projects in ways that will reduce impacts to wildlife movement and habitat connectivity on the Ventura State Route (SR) 118 Wildlife Corridor.

Designated official members:

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Initial meetings were held to develop a goal and work plan objectives based upon the expectations received from group members and from public participation as follows:

II. Goal

Timely delivery of safe transportation improvements while preserving and enhancing wildlife corridor integrity in the vicinity of State Route 118.

III. Work Plan Objectives

1. Identify and compile existing biological information that indicates wildlife distribution and movement patterns in the vicinity of the SR118.
2. Develop a map that shows protected open space, proposed open space, proposed development footprints and transportation infrastructure projects.
3. Identify opportunities to improve habitat connectivity and wildlife movement across the 118, keeping in mind development projects and needs of wildlife
4. Investigate funding and in-kind opportunities to implement projects/plans identified and make a funding chart, enlist various city and county agencies to help implement specific actions
5. Compile information based on the above work plan objectives for current/future development, transportation needs, and wildlife movement requirements within the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains (including SR118 and local roads).